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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things
Present, Past and Future.

One main feature of a county fair is the social pleasure. State fairs are expected to have a much larger exhibit than county fairs, and other things are expected to be on a correspondingly larger scale; but the social gathering at a State fair is different from the same feature of a county fair. The family lunch at the county fair is a most pleasing feature. Intimate friends and their friends are often invited to the lunch and spend an hour in a sort of secluded or exclusive conversation.

Some one in estimating the speeches of Mr. Bryan has said that during the political campaign which has just closed he made more speeches and spoke to more people in the aggregate than all the other Presidential candidates who preceded him from Washington down. And William Jennings Bryan is the best known man on the American continent to-day. Perhaps Grover Cleveland's name has been spoken and written more times during the past ten years than that of any other man in the country; but Mr. Bryan is better known, for he has been seen and touched more people and more people have seen and touched him.

That "cleanliness is next to Godliness" is proved in the case of the Dutch. The latest published statistics show that Holland is the most moral nation in the world in proportion to its population; and it is an admitted fact that the Dutch are the cleanest people in the world. Cleanliness of person leads one to be particular about other things, which leads to clean thoughts and to a high plane of thinking generally. All this in turn encourages proper action of life in every respect. The clean person outwardly is more apt to be clean in his inner life than the one who is unclean in his habits and disregards cleanliness generally.

The atrocities of the Spaniards in the war with Cuba are awful to contemplate. Charles Loch of Denver, Col., joined the Cuban army last spring, was captured by the Spaniards, and has returned to his home. He told a tale of woe, partly as follows:

"The atrocities practiced by the Spaniards, who are exasperated beyond endurance by the Cubans, would hardly be credited. I have seen defenceless women and girls outraged, and I saw an American citizen, Dan Erb, formerly a fireman on the Denver & Rio Grande railway at Leadville, shot down in cold blood by a Spanish officer. Erb was taken prisoner at the same time as myself. We were held as prisoners on the side of the railway track, awaiting the train to take us to Havana. A Spanish officer entered into conversation with Erb, who exclaimed defiantly that he was an American citizen, and expected to be treated like a man. The officer drew a six-shooter and killed Erb on the spot.

"While confined in the castle I witnessed many startling scenes. Every morning the prisoners are obliged to go to the seashore to bathe. They are sent out in gangs of twenty men, under heavy guard. I noticed that some never returned. The missing ones were eaten by sharks. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of prisoners have been disposed of through the agency of the sharks.

"The doors of the inclosure surrounding the castle are left open, as if to invite escape, but no man who has made the attempt has ever been heard of again. Those who attempt to leave are shot down like rats.

"In the castle I was fed on tortillas and water. The tortillas had evidently been doctored, for it tasted unlike any I ever tasted. The water was salt, and brought on dysentery. In a room eight by ten feet in size twelve prisoners were packed. At night we were obliged to sleep in tiers, the upper tier reaching to the ceiling. Of course there was no ventilation, and everybody in the room was sick. According to the best estimate I could get there are over 3,000 men confined in the castle under conditions I have named."

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COLORED MAN'S WISDOM.

MISTAKES OF THE NEGROES.

Study Politics too Much.

The Daily Pilot of Norfolk recently reported a speech of Booker T. Washington to the colored people of that city. Prof. Washington is president of Tuskegee Industrial Institute of Alabama, and is perhaps the most advanced thinker of his race in the country. He spoke in part as follows:

"We have made mistakes, I fear, in constantly keeping in mind our advantages. We have had many number of conventions whose object has been to seek redress for some grievance. This is right and proper, but it is with a race as with an individual, it will begin to make progress backward, if it is constantly dwelling on the dark side, is constantly grumbling and finding fault, is constantly finding a way not to succeed. It requires a man with no special gift of brain power to find fault with an individual, organization, or state of things. After all what we want (and it is what America honors) is a man who can teach his fellows how 'to find a way or make one.'

"In much that we have attempted, I fear that we have failed to get down to first principles, to reach a bed rock on which to lay a foundation. We have spent time in discussing the value of the nation's keeping of friendly terms with France and the Sandwich Islands, and have failed too often to cultivate in every manly way friendly relations with our next-door neighbor, even though he is a southern white man. We have spent time and energy in trying to go to Congress and to the Legislature that would have been better spent in trying to become the leading builder or contractor, or real estate dealer in our town or city. We have spent time and money in making stump speeches and attending political conventions that could have been better spent in becoming the leading truck gardener or merchant, or in starting a steam laundry or dairy farm.

"People tell me that the young colored man is cramped, and after he gets his education there are few chances for him to use it. I have little patience with such argument. Heretofore we have had too much of the idea that an educated colored man must either teach, preach, be a clerk, or follow a profession. Our educated men, more and more, must go to the farms, into the trades, start brickyards, sawmills, factories, open coal mines. They must apply their education to conquer the forces of nature. Education within itself is nothing except as it is used in a way to produce something. An educated man standing on the street with hands in his pockets is of no more value to the world than an ignorant man doing the same thing.

"In the present condition of our race, our education for the next fifty or a hundred years, should be especially directed along industrial and scientific lines. The trouble with a large proportion of the negro race is that it is hungry, and it is impossible for any race to make satisfactory progress along educational, moral, and religious lines when in this condition. In other words it is a hard matter to make a good Christian out of a hungry man.

"I have heard it remarked over and over that the negro knows how to work, and does not need training in industrial education. There was never a greater mistake. Let me illustrate. Some time ago, while traveling through the State of Indiana, I saw a man engaged in planting corn. Instead of walking, he was seated upon a large machine, which he termed a cultivator. Hitched to this were two fine horses. The man was not only sitting down, but was holding a large umbrella over him and all the strength he had to expend was in holding the horses back to prevent their working themselves to death. This machine plowed up the ground, laid off the furrows, dropped the corn, and covered the corn. Besides, instead of planting one row at a time, two rows of corn were planted. Another time, while traveling through Alabama, I saw an old plow that was loosely patched together, and about four inches wide. Hitched to this plow was an old mule that was going at the rate of about two miles an hour. Instead of the man riding along on a cultivator, this fellow was following the plow, barefooted, carrying with him a long pole, which he occasionally laid on the back of the weary looking mule. Nearly every time he reached the end of a furrow, he would have to stop and repair the plow, and very often the harness which was composed partly of rags and partly of leather. In addition to plowing the ground, he had to go over it again with the same old mule, and lay off the rows, and then another man came along dropping the corn, and another followed to cover it. He was what might be called one of those 'one

gallussed' farmers, and he [very often] found it necessary to stop and fix one or both suspenders, in order to keep his pantaloons intact. Now, compare this progress with what was being done by the Indiana farmer. What was the difference? The man in Indiana was educated or in some way he had learned to apply his education to agriculture. He had put his brain into it. What I mean by industrial education is to get the masses of our young men to the point where they can apply their education to conquering the forces of nature in some way that this man in Indiana is doing, and who can say that this is not specially needed here in the South? The plain, hard fact of the matter is the South is called upon to compete with the world, and when it comes down to plain, hard business propositions, the business man is going to buy his corn from the man who sells it cheapest, whether the corn be produced in Indiana or Alabama, and just so long as the man in Indiana is able to do as much work with a cultivator and one workman in one day as four men and a mule can do in three or four days in Alabama, just so long will he continue to buy corn of the Indiana producer.

"We must bring our education down to the plain, practical, hard, every day facts. As a race, we are very emotional. We are inclined to spend more of our time in preparing to live in heaven than on earth. We like to talk about living in the white mansions in the upper world, and at the same time live in one-room log cabins here. We like to preach about wearing golden slippers and long white robes in the other world, and go bare-footed and nearly naked in this world. We like to sing about living on milk and honey in the next world, and eat corn bread and peas here. I believe that living right in this world is the best preparation for a happy life in heaven.

"We should never grow discouraged. In due time, every right now enjoyed by every other citizen will be ours. I think the most sensible colored people in this country have settled down to three things—that just in proportion as we secure intelligence and property, and learn to practice morality and religion, all of the rights now enjoyed by every other citizen will be ours.

"When it comes to social equality, no one, but an ill-informed person, gives himself much concern regarding that. It will be with us as with all other people. The matter of social recognition will take care of itself. No power can force a man to recognize another as his social equal unless both agree. On social matters the two races can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand on all matters pertaining to the welfare of our common country. You will find that friction between the two races will pass away just in proportion as the black man procures something that the white man wants or respects. Our present trouble, we are empty-handed, nobody spends a great deal of time with an empty-handed and hungry man. And when you come to analyze the question you will find that one white man does not care a great deal for another white man except the one has something that the other wants; he either has property, culture, or influence, something every time that the other wants, and that thing brings them together and makes them friendly in their business, social and political relations, and the same is true as regards races and nations.

"I sometimes fear that we are too much inclined to lay stress on our grievances rather than our opportunities. While many wrongs have been perpetrated upon us in the South, still at the same time it is a fact now recognized by all intelligent colored people, the black man has a far better opportunity to rise in the South than in the North. While the black man is not permitted to ride in the first-class car in the South, you will find that in many cases in the North he is not allowed to build that first-class car. I have always held that the colored man can sooner conquer Southern prejudice than Northern competition. There is an absence of prejudice against the black man in the South in business that means more than we have heretofore realized. I find that when it comes to business, pure and simple, the black man is put on the same footing with the white man, and here it seems to me is our great opportunity."

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LETTER FROM MANILLA.

SEA VOYAGE TO ALASKA.

Other Interesting Notes.

Manilla is one of the Philippine Islands and is in a very warm climate. The death roll, at the time I was there, was five a day, all from small-pox, but nothing prevented our going ashore and we were very anxious to see all we could. As soon as the ship dropped her anchor I went ashore. This is a lovely city and has some beautiful buildings and a large open harbor, in which you can see an American sailing ship at any time of the year, loading with tobacco, cigars and boxes. Manilla belongs to Spain. You can see a chicken fight almost any time on the street.

The street cars are drawn by horses and the charges are very small. I went to a Spanish show while in the city and I saw a weasel kill so many chickens in so many minutes, and other blood-thirsty sights, all of which were loudly applauded by all who were present. The natives think the "Yanks" are all rich, and they are very kind to us. They can't speak English, but you can understand them by their motions.

Fruit grows in abundance here. Tobacco raising and the manufacture of cigars are the main industries of the country. This city is very low and flat and is very hard to drain, therefore it is unhealthy, for the stagnant water stands in the gutters all over the city.

When we left Manilla we had our orders to proceed at once to the Behring Sea which is in Alaska. We arrived there after a fifteen days passage, having two suns on the way upon crossing the hundred and eightieth parallel from West to East. We lost a day in going and in coming back we will gain a day. Our object in going to the Behring Sea was to protect the seal rookeries from poachers. American and English own these waters. There is a limited distance for the schooners to hunt seals, which is sixty miles from land, and if they are caught any nearer to land they are punished to the extent of the law. They are not allowed to carry guns or ammunition. We overhauled lots of sealing schooners and sealed up their guns and ammunition. We made only one seizure and that was a Canadian schooner, the "Wanderer," which had 478 seal skins and was only six miles from land.

Many amusing incidents happened during my stay there. We lost two men who went hunting in a crowd of 21. They were lost in the dense fog. We hunted for them two days and nights before we found them. I was the first to see them, by being on the right flank, which was near the water's edge. We had 260 men as skirmishers and were twenty or thirty yards apart, and we searched faithfully until we found them.

We received compliments from the Secretary of the Navy, for the manner in which we arranged our searching party. Many lives are lost yearly in the Behring Sea in the same manner. The fog is very thick and there is about one fair day in every twenty, all the year around. One of our men killed a very large cinnamon bear and we dressed him nicely and had some of his meat cooked, but we could not eat it, because it was too fishy. Our headquarters were at Unalaska, a small town situated near Dutch harbor.

This is one of the most important ports in Northern Alaska and has a very large harbor surrounded by three high barren hills. This place has a very large Indian trade and many large sealing schooners are fitted out there. The seasons are very short in Alaska and no vegetation grows there except species of bunch grass, etc. There are a great many reindeer on the Island. They were put here by the government. Here is where the cod-fish and salmon are caught in abundance and canned up and shipped to all parts of the United States by ship loads. There are many large canning factories in Alaska.

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